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PAUL E. PATTON  
GOVERNOR

May 21, 2001

The Honorable Paul E. Patton  
State Capitol  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Patton,

The Environmental Quality Commission has recently received a number of public comments and concerns regarding several major development projects proposed in Kentucky. The commission believes it is important to provide public input and careful consideration in regard to major land use and development decisions made by state agencies. Each day, 109 acres of land are converted to roads and developed areas. Kentucky has lost 1 million acres of farmland during the past 30 years to other uses.

The Environmental Quality Commission urges you to carefully weigh economic and other state development activities on our rural lands, environment and local communities. In this regard, we request, pursuant to KRS 262.875, that the Interagency Farmland Advisory Committee be convened to review the proposed Inter-Modal Transpark and any other state funded development projects that proposes to convert more than 50 acres of farmland to other uses.

As a member of the Interagency Farmland Advisory Committee, EQC stands ready to assist you and your administration in working to promote development in an environmentally sound manner. We submit to you Serena Williams as the EQC representative for the Interagency Farmland Advisory Committee. Ms. Williams is a professor of law at the University of Louisville, specializing in environmental law.

Please feel free to contact EQC if you have any questions or wish additional information regarding this issue. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aloma W. Dew".

Aloma Dew, Chair

Cc: Secretary James E. Bickford